(d) the details of names and number of organizations working for the autism suffered children in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Data on the Persons with Autism in the country is not maintained. The National Trust Act, 1999 is particularly meant for the welfare of persons with Autism and other development disabilities. Under the Act, a host of activities are undertaken like caregivers courses, training and public awareness programmes etc. There is no definite treatment for Autism. However, early diagnosis and intervention leads to limitation of disability. Pediatric & Psychiatry departments of Government hospitals provide such services. Government of India is providing support for upgradation of Psychiatry Wings of Govt. Medical Colleges/General Hospitals and modernization State-run Mental Health Institutes under the National Mental health Programme (NMHP). District Mental Health Programme under NMHP also provides for proper intervention of mental disorders including Autism.

(d) A list of organizations working with support of National Trust in the area of developmental disabilities including Autism is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 213 Annexure No. 13]

Nodal centres to retrieve organs

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MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up country wide network of nodal centres to retrieve organs from brain dead patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof *inter-alia* indicating the status of the project;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide incentives to cadaver donors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Committee, set up by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in CWP No. 813/2004 *vide* its order dated 06.09.2004, has *inter-alia* recommended that the infrastructure, scope and ambit of ORBO activities should be enlarged and the Central Government should create 5 Regional Centres/Units of ORBO to cover Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western and Central Regions of the country. All persons desirous of availing cadaver organs through ORBO must get themselves registered for priority by paying such reasonable registration fees as may be fixed by the Central Government or ORBO. Such Regional units may in turn have one State Unit covering each State following within the jurisdiction of the Regional Unit. The policy decision and the functioning guidelines of all Regional units and State Units should be governed by the Central Agency of ORBO in order to keep uniformity of procedures, guidelines, infrastructure and functional norms in all Units in relation to human organ transplant.

(c) and (d) During the National Consultation held last year to review the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 suggestions had been made for providing some non-monetary incentives including concessional travel facility in Indian Railways and Health Insurance cover to persons who consent to donate organs of their brain dead relatives.